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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 14, 2009, in which a three month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on August 14, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the outstanding rejections in the above mentioned Office Action, in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in a **Listing of the Claims** beginning on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph at page 8, lines 19-20 of the application specification as filed, as follows:

FIG. 7 is a drawing showing a reference example of metadata of a view according to Embodiment 2;

Please amend the paragraph at page 28, lines 8-21 of the application specification as filed, as follows:

The views d101 are AV streams comprising video, speech, audio, text, etc. A reference example of metadata d602 of a view d101 is shown in FIG. 7. In the reference example shown in FIG. 7, Extensible Markup Language (XML) is used as an example of structure description data, this being a data description language standardized by the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C). As can be seen from FIG. 7, metadata d602 of a view d101 is composed of a plurality of segments. In the figure, a segment d702 with id "Seg0" is shown. ~~In~~ The metadata d602 of the view d101, this is composed of locator information d701, viewpoints d703a through d703c assigned on a segment-by-segment basis, and time information d704. Viewpoints d703a through d703c are assigned priority levels d705a through d705c, respectively.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 28, line 22 and ending at page 29, line 1 of the application specification as filed, as follows:

Viewpoints d703a through d703c are metadata for explaining the view d101. Metadata can be assigned on a view d101 segment-by-segment basis, enabling a view d101 segment feature to be indicated by a viewpoint. By this means, a client can easily

extract a segment corresponding to a specified viewpoint from metadata d602 of a view d101 by specifying a viewpoint.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 32, line 18 and ending at page 33, line 2 of the application specification as filed, as follows:

When generating a preview from a view d101, the media selecting/converting section 602 generates a preview using view d101 locator information 204 and metadata 701 locator information 702 sent from the request analysis section 605. Also, when viewpoint information 801 is sent, contained in content distribution request information, from the client terminal 110, the media selecting/converting section 602 extracts segments containing viewpoints conforming to sent viewpoint information 801 from metadata d602 of a view d101 corresponding to the sent content ID 200, and generates a preview by linking views d101 corresponding to the extracted segments.

Please amend the paragraph at page 35, lines 3 to 11 of the application specification as filed, as follows:

When viewpoint information 801 is included in content distribution request information, the media selecting/converting section 602 selects information of appropriate parts (segments) from a view d101 of a sent content name 201, using sent viewpoint information 801, and generates a preview by linking views d101 corresponding to the selected segments. The media selecting/converting section 602 may also transmit views d101 corresponding to the selected segments at any time in response to a request from a terminal without linking them.